GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Armed Forces are presently short of a large number of Officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each of the three Services; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1 FOR 24.2.2000.

The present shortage of Officers in the three Defence Services is as follows:

Army	13336
Navy	965
Air Force	546

2. An Image Projection Campaign of the Army was launched during 1997-98 with the assistance of a professional advertising agency. The campaign made a positive impact in that the number of eligible youths opting for a career in the Army increased. On this consideration, the campaign is continuing. In the case of Navy and Air Force also sustained efforts are being made through publicity in newspapers and other media to attract young people to these Services.